

# Mennonite Observer

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

I Cor. 2:2

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## Manitoba Mennonite Conference

**Morden, Man.** — The Annual Manitoba Conference of Mennonites convened at the Bergthaler church in Morden on November 10-11. Present were 144 delegates representing 15 of the 18 churches in the Conference and casting a total of 198 ballots. There are approximately 7000 members in the Manitoba Conference.

The theme, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our Faith" (Heb. 12:2) carried through the morning, afternoon and evening sessions with Rev. G. G. Neufeld, moderator, preaching the conference sermon.

In looking to Jesus we look to the eternal glory of the Son who is with the Father, we look to the Mediator, and we look to the Shepherd of the flock who leads the churches, Rev. Neufeld said. This should lead us in humility toward repentance, new faith, hope and courage to assume the task which lies before us. Rev. Neufeld warned against the dangers of self-satisfaction and pride without Christ we can accomplish nothing; and concluded by pointing out the dangers of disunity among the churches as well as between the older and younger generations.

Other papers during the two day conference were "Sanctification" read by Abram Neufeld, Rena, Manitoba and "The Race Before Us." (Heb. 12:3) by Gerhard Ens, Gretna.

The overall mission report was given by Rev. David Schulz with shorter reports following by local home mission workers.

One of the more important aspects of Conference work has come to be focused in the Radio outreach, the reports showed.

Three programs are sponsored by the Manitoba Conference. The "Abundant Life Hour" is carried on three stations weekly and is heard in Saskatchewan about every fifth Sunday. It is carried every Sunday over CFAM, Altona; CKY, Winnipeg and on CJOR, Vancouver. "Wort des Lebens," a low German program is carried outside the province on CKCQ, Quesnel, B. C. while "Frohe Botschaft" is carried only in Manitoba.

The total radio receipts and disbursements came to \$24,600.

Reports were heard on the several educational institutions such as the Bible School, Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Canadian Mennonite Bible College and Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Camping came in for a discussion. The Children's camp had in the past summer an enrolment of 437 children divided into 4 camps. Seventy six persons worked in one

way or another with the camps during the year. It was felt that the existing facilities could only accommodate about as many campers as had come and that larger facilities would need to be provided for any increase.

In order to provide facilities for older children and young people it was agreed to work toward opening another camp. The Manitoba Conference has had a long term lease on a 10 acre property at Moose Lake, in the eastern part of the province which is hoped will now be developed.

meadow when a sudden gust of wind caused a heavy tree trunk to topple over, pinning them underneath. A fourth girl was knocked down but not injured.

The tragedy was witnessed by the dead girl's mother, Mrs. Mahlon Nolt. The 12-year-old brother of the Zimmerman girls tried to shout a warning, but it was too late. A tow truck was called to lift the trunk so the injured girls could be taken to the hospital. One had a back injury and the other a fractured leg. They are the daughters of Elam Zimmermans of Martindale.

The three girls all attended the Groffdale Mennonite Church, where funeral services for the Nolt girl were conducted Nov. 4. The baptismal service they had come to see was that of another Mennonite church.

## Young People's Fellowship



Regina Sunday School recorded an all-time high in its attendance on November 8 with 80 present. Mr. Wiebe, the superintendent, and part of the Sunday School are seen on the picture.

**Regina, Sask.** — The Regina young people welcomed newcomers to their fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 8. As most of these newcomers had come to the city especially to train for their life's work, they were given an opportunity to participate in the program centred about the theme "The Secret of Success."

Victor Friesen, young people's leader, was in charge of the program and led the general singing. Mrs. Hans Sapinsky then presented to the boys and girls an object lesson and Mr. Hans Sapinsky sang "This is my Task." In short talks on "How I can serve Christ in my Profession", Ruby Dyck represented the nursing profession, Wesley Penner the teaching profession and Frank Peters, the business world. Mr. Klassen, the pastor, then closed the program pointing out that there are two types of success, the temporal, and the spiritual. He empha-

sized, however, that the only lasting success is that which can be measured by our spiritual growth.

In the brief fireside which followed, Mr. Martin Schroeder led in singing. Various members of the group then spoke briefly of what Christ meant to them. Donuts and coffee were served to conclude an enjoyable evening.

## Tragedy at Baptismal Service

**Bareville, Pa.** — A seventeen-year-old girl was instantly killed and two companions seriously injured in an unusual accident Sunday, Nov. 1, while waiting to witness a baptismal service in a stream near Hinketown.

Ella Nolt, 17, and Martha and Ruth Zimmerman, sisters, 20 and 15 years of age, were standing in front of a clump of trees in the

## Death of Rev. A. P. Willms

**Coaldale, Alta.** — Rev. A. P. Willms, 78, of Coaldale went home to be with the Lord on November 19. While visiting at Namaka, Alta., he had a heart attack. He was rushed to a Calgary hospital and there he died.

The funeral service was held from the M.B. Church, Coaldale. Brother Willms was a minister of the gospel and a poet. He loved the Lord, God's people and those who were still in need of salvation.

## Conference at Rosthern

**Rosthern, Sask.** — The weather changed to the better October 28 and 29, permitting delegates and friends to travel to Rosthern so that the Mennonite General Conference churches might organize into a Saskatchewan Conference. Representation was sent from 22 churches with 108 registered delegates. The executive for the coming year consists of Rev. Paul Schroeder, Drake, president, Rev. Henry Wiens, Langham, vice-president, and Br. J. J. Wiens, Herschel, as secretary.

Rev. J. J. Nickel led in the prayer session which was followed by the conference message in which Rev. G. G. Epp used Ephesians 4:

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## EDITORIAL

### Sanctified Ambition

Youth without ambition is like an automobile which has no engine. The latter is necessary, because it prevents a static condition and makes mobility possible. A person that is young and healthy and strong is not expected to be a mere passive observer of the many things that are going on in this busy world. He must have an ambition, that is an eagerness to achieve something in his own life.

Most young people have an abundance of energy. Every one who reads these lines, will, no doubt, be thinking of some individuals, who have an overflowing measure of zeal and a strong desire to achieve something.

Ambition alone, however, does not produce satisfactory and ideal results. Ambition must be controlled and directed, otherwise it may be compared to a train without rails and conductor. It is like a car without a steering wheel.

Absalom had energy and ambition. He was longing for the throne of his father David. For a while he was admired by many of his own people. He was proclaimed king. Alas! This uncontrolled and unsanctified ambition finally brought him the shameful death of the rebellious son against his God-fearing and pious father. Sacred history has justly branded him as a man with an unholy ambition and a craving for popularity, position and power. In unmistakable terms the Holy Scriptures also convey to us in Absalom's story, God's attitude to a man who refuses to lead his inward "desire to achieve" into a channel which is in accord with the will of the Lord.

In order to prevent unpleasant and disappointing experiences and in order to be successful in life's vocation, it is essential for Christian young people to have their ambitions sanctified, that is, they should permit God to give direction to their ambitions. Even non-Christian youth should allow the Lord to control their "eagerness to achieve."

Prior to his conversion, Paul's ambitions were determined by himself. On his way to Damascus, however, he realized, that his past life had been a failure, because it had been energized by an improper force. For this reason he asked the Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do?" Having led his flow of energy into a different and sanctified channel, he became one of the greatest missionaries this world has ever seen.

From the two above illustrations we learn, that an unchecked and sinful ambition is dangerous and it even leads to destruction. If, however, the "eagerness to achieve" is sanctified and directed by the Lord, it will lead to a blessed and useful life. Let us therefore be ambitious and zealous, but not without the application of wisdom (Rom. 10:2).

G. D. H.

### Conference of Historic Peace Churches

Zorra, Ont. — The annual Conference of Historic Peace Churches of Ontario was held at the East Zorra Amish Mennonite church on Saturday, November 14. The large church auditorium could not accommodate all the visitors who came to share the blessings of God.

The guest speaker was Luke Keefer of Millersburg, Pa., who spoke on the topics, "The Compulsions of Love," "The Power of a Minority That Is Right" and "We Could Lose Our Peace Message." The supporting speaker was Cecil Evans, secretary of the Quaker office in Toronto who spoke on the topic, "Crossing the Barriers That Separate Mankind." Under the leadership of the moderator, Bishop E. J. Swalm of Duntroon, Ontario, various reports were heard about relief, Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm, Mennonite Disaster Service and the treasurer's report.

The Conference body passed a resolution whereby the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm will no longer be supervised by an Advisory Committee but rather by a Board of Directors to be appointed from the churches and approved by the Mennonite Central Committee. This action will give the Board of Directors more responsibility in connection with the administration of this work among delinquent boys.

The music was again provided by various conference schools. Meals were served to approximately 600 people by the ladies of the church.

The election resulted in the following being returned to office: E. J. Swalm, Duntroon, moderator; Edgar Metzler, Kitchener, assistant moderator; C. J. Rempel, Kitchener, secretary; Fred Haslam, Toronto, assistant secretary; Oscar Snyder, Elmira, treasurer.

C. J. Rempel

## DEVOTIONAL

### Study

Today's need is expressed in Paul's charge to Timothy in II Tim. 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Except when we are asleep we are conscious of a continuous series of images that pass before our mind's eye. These images come to us from the outside world through our senses or from the inside through our meditation or memory. The images are blurred or distinct, attractive or repulsive, ennobling or degrading. Can we select the images on this screen? Do we control the switch in order to hold the scenes that inspire good and pass quickly over those that generate evil? Are we operators or merely helpless spectators of this eternal cinema of the soul? Study is the selection and concentration on the desired images. In the above verse Paul gives us three guides for the control of the mind.

The incentive to study is the desire for the approval of God. In fact, our entire lives should be guided by the question, "What would Jesus do?" Paul learned the secret of yieldedness when he said, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" This incentive to study is encouraged by the fact that God has a plan, power and purpose for each life. It ought to be the life-long concern of the child of God to determine from the divine blueprint, the Bible, the plans of our heavenly Architect. God also gives the needed power to withstand the enemy of our souls who projects his spearheads on the mind. Paul commands the use of the "helmet of salvation" as a defense against the onslaughts of Satan. Offensively, Paul challenges us to think on those things that are honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Sad to say, Satan finds his greatest victories in the battle-ground of the mind. To us comes the admonition of the Apostle Peter, "Therefore gird up your minds." Then ours shall be the blessing expressed by Isaiah of old, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Secondly, our study should make of us a workman that need not be ashamed of his life, nor of the gospel, and unashamed at His coming. Paul called Timothy to live an exemplary life in conversation, charity, spirit, faith, and purity. But what does this have to do with study? The thoughts which we think afford the clearest possible test of our character. Solomon said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." No man can rise in his outward life above his inner devotion. If you wonder why there is so much ungodliness in the church, it is because there is so little of the mind

of the Spirit. Where we will have the mind of the Spirit we will also have the nature of the Lamb. This is the secret to an irreproachable life.

A meditation that changes the life of a workman, will not make him ashamed of the Gospel. Paul's life was backed by the testimony, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Some years ago, a man of the world told me that he did not think that so-and-so was a Christian, because he never told anyone. If our lives are going to be enriched by our meditation on the word that is sweeter than honey, then our friends and neighbors shall hear of it. The lepers outside the walls of Samaria, when they had found food that should bring deliverance to the entire city, said, "This is a day of good tidings, we do not well to keep it to ourselves." Many a city has perished because a workman was ashamed of the gospel. From the lips of our Lord comes the Divine warning, "Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me and of my words . . . of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed."

Finally, when we shall stand before God and He shall unfold His plan for our life, will He say, "You lived it just the way I planned it?" Or will we blush as we acknowledge that we have lived for self while others have died without hope?

The result of our study will be that we divide the word of God rightly in regards to interpretation, in the sense of apportioning it correctly, and in respect to the time in which we live. In an age when everything in the word of God is acclaimed figurative, we must preach the realities. In a time when millions have never heard of Christ

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## Ladies' Groups Visit Bethesda Home

Vineland, Ont. — On November 17 the leaders and their assistants of the M. B. Ladies' Mission groups met at the Bethesda Home at Vineland, having been invited by Rev. and Mrs. G. Epp, houseparents of the institution. We were heartily welcomed by Brother Epp as he made his opening remarks. He read Eph. 2:10 and Titus 2:14.

Rev. Epp stressed that we, being God's workmanship, should be willing to do good works. We should walk in good works. Christ, Who gave Himself for us to purify us unto Himself that we should be zealous of good works.

We were then introduced to the staff, namely, two registered lady nurses, one male nurse, the orderlies and others.

Ontario's six M. B. churches have fifteen ladies' aids; all were represented. Some of our churches have three groups.

Brother Epp told us of the activities of the patients and stressed that they need more variety in their entertainments. The suggestions were that four or five of a group would visit the home weekly and entertain the patients either with a program or with games, or even just talk to them and show them that we care for them.

Miss Harder, one of the nurses, cited the loneliness of some of the patients. Some have no one who cares for them. A few of the patients have had not one card or letter for many years. It is necessary to interest these people in something other than themselves. Miss Harder stressed the need of good books, magazines etc. Another very important factor was suggested to boost the morale of the younger women and girls, a permanent for their hair. It gives these young ladies new courage to see themselves prettied by someone who cares. This work, which would be a small sacrifice for us, would give the home a better standing with the government and doctors.

Many patients would also enjoy

we must distribute the bread of Life evenly, as expressed in the well-known words of Dr. O. T. Smith, "Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before all have heard it once?"

Finally, in a day when we are nearer the return of the Lord than ever, we must expend all energies and use every remaining moment to win souls to Christ as done by D. L. Moody, who said, "I preach every sermon as though it were my last."

This is the challenge of the hour: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

L. D. Warkentin

an outing or just a ride, and with it an ice cream cone or hot dog.

It was also suggested that we take a patient into our homes for a day or weekend.

We were all impressed by the work of Rev. and Mrs. Epp, who show a genuine love for these, the poorest of the poor. Many of them live in darkness most of the time and wait for a friendly word, smile or touch from someone who cares.

The work of the groups, as suggested, will begin this coming week and we hope that we as mission groups will be able to be instruments in the hand of our Lord. As an expression of thankfulness for our health and strength, let us go ahead and be "a peculiar people zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

After the closing prayer, we were entertained with a lovely lunch. We went home with a greater vision and a new sense of responsibility for the work at Bethesda.

Mrs. H. P. Friesen.

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### When I Have Time

When I have time so many things I'll do

To make life happier and more fair  
For those whose lives are crowded  
now with care;

I'll help to lift them from their low  
despair

When I have time.

When I have time the friend I love  
so well

Shall know no more these weary,  
toiling days;

I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths  
always

And cheer her heart with words of  
sweetest praise,

When I have time.

When you have time! The friend  
you hold so dear

May be beyond the reach of all  
your sweet intent;

May never know that you so kindly  
meant

To fill her life with sweet content  
When I have time.

Now is the time! Ah, friend, no longer  
wait

To scatter loving smiles and words  
of cheer

To those around whose lives are  
now so dear;

They may not need you in the com-  
ing year —

Now is the time!

Thomas Moore.

### Nurse Margaret Wiens Speaks on Korea

Vancouver, B.C. — Plight of orphan children in Korea was described Thursday evening to MSA registered nurses by Margaret

Wiens, who has recently returned from three years volunteer nursing in the Korean seaport of Pusan.

Nurses were holding their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. R. H. Beaton on Sunset Road. Mrs. E. J. Buirs took the chair in the absence of both president and vice-president, Mrs. N. R. Mold and Mrs. C. S. Lillies.

Miss Wiens served in Korea with the Mennonite Central Committee and teamed with Bertha Kornelson, who was drowned in the tidal wave tragedy about two years ago. The Girls were on the staff of the Friends of Pusan Children's Charity Hospital.

Miss Wiens, whose mother now lives in Vancouver, is taking a course in pediatrics at the University of British Columbia.

Hundreds of children left without support in the war-stricken and poverty-ridden country are in desperate need of help, the listeners were told. Their destitution is almost beyond belief to anyone accustomed only to conditions in a country such as ours.

### Greenfarm Ladies' Aid

Greenfarm, Sask. — The Ladies' Aid of the Greenfarm M. B. Church rendered their annual program the night of November 13. Mrs. J. J. Thiessen, president of the group, conducted the program. It consisted of various songs presented by singing groups. Mrs. Herman Neufeld, secretary, reported on the group's activities during the past year. Mrs. Albert Barkman, who had assumed the responsibility for a special children's program in correlation with the Ladies' Aid in Flowing Well, gave a very interesting report. Mr. Henry Penner climaxed the program with a message on "Missions." Later the audience was invited to a delicious lunch served in the church basement.

### Janz Brothers' Work

The Janz Brothers team, which has returned after nearly four years of ministry in Europe, held a welcome-home rally in Abbotsford Junior High School. Leo and Hildor Janz are well known throughout Canada through their nationwide radio broadcasts as well as through the crusade ministry of the Janz quartet.

During nearly four years of activity in Europe, they conducted four German broadcasts per week over the powerful Radio Luxembourg station, and have held numerous crusades and rallies in major cities. Janz Brothers have used the largest available halls and auditoriums throughout Germany and Switzerland for their crusades. In a recent four-week crusade in Berne, Switzerland, a city of 180,000 population, over 100,000 attended the services and more than 2,000 responded to the Gospel invitation. Janz team reports that their four

year mission to Europe has been the most overwhelming and fruitful of all they have conducted during their career. Of the hundreds of thousands of people who have attended the meetings more than 10,000 have been counselled.

### Divorces Granted

Several decrees of divorce were made absolute in court of Queen's bench. Among them were: Gertrude Alexandra Toews from George Peter Toews, married Nov. 29, 1952, at Brandon, Man.

### Mennonites Confer In Washington

A group of 17 bishops and ministers of the Old Order Amish Church recently conferred in Washington with officials concerning the continuing problem of conscientious objection by the Amish to participation in compulsory social security. Legislation has been introduced whereby a religious or conscientious objector to social security could obtain exemption on application to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Once an application was approved it would be irrevocable for life.

### Mennonite Mental Home To Be at Watrous

Saskatoon, Sask. — Members of the Saskatchewan Mennonite Relief Committee, in session in the First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, on Wednesday, November 4, voted in favor of erecting a Mennonite Mental Home in Watrous. Estimated cost is \$100,000. Altogether 118 voting delegates were present, local men being A. Warkentin, Jacob Kornelsen, Isaac Regier and D. D. Neufeld, representing Bethany congregation. There were only two offers of locations — one being by the Town of Watrous, and the other from the Rosthern Mennonite Youth Organization.

According to Mr. Warkentin, the new structure will comprise 40 bedrooms, etc., and will be fully modern. It will be located on a 12-acre site to the north of Watrous Union Hospital, and work is expected to start early in the spring of 1960. In the meantime blueprints are being prepared for approval in Regina.

### Mennonite Television Program

Denver, Colo. — The Mennonite churches of Denver have been invited by the Denver Council of Churches to present a half-hour program over Station KLZ-TV the evening of December 6, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

The warlike nation of today is the decadent nation of tomorrow.

— David S. Jordan.

## Training Elders for India Churches

By A. A. Unruh

On their first missionary tour, it is said of Paul and Barnabas: "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed" (Acts 14:23). This policy to appoint a group of elders in each Christian group has been followed from the beginning of our mission work in India. With very few exceptions, these elders were leaders and forward men among the Christians, but without any education or training. From the beginning much has been done to give these elders some understanding for their responsibility. In most cases, these men were not sufficiently prepared for their responsibilities which resulted in a weak church life.

Elementary Bible classes to give young Christian villagers a better Bible knowledge and to teach them to read the Bible have been conducted at all times. For many years, however, Mrs. Unruh and I have felt that we should put extra efforts into the training of village church elders for church leadership and ministry and train in each church one or two of the elders to lead and minister to their own group.

After much hesitation and prayer, we have started out with this new work. There are many problems we have to face and solve. We know that by the Lord's leading we started with this new work and we have courage and faith to continue in the knowledge of His will and power.

The problem of the right type of teachers and students has to be solved. We praise the Lord that the spiritual influence of the teachers can be seen in the progress of the students. The problem of living quarters for teachers and stud-

student and his family. Classrooms have to be built and books for the students supplied. A library must be provided for the teachers, and the students need to be trained to use the library. Above all, the food problem for so many families has to be solved. With each family new mouths have to be fed. All this keeps us in contact with the Lord Who has thus far found ways to meet the most necessary needs.

Men must be trained not only in Bible knowledge, but in the specific understanding of the church, the principles of her life and growth, the methods of work in the church and the responsibility of leadership. We do not aim for evangelists but for church leaders with an evangelistic spirit. Our aim is to train one man, able and willing to lead the church for each Christian group at present. They shall be ministers on a village level, but they are to be spiritual people of faith, love and dedication.

Our program is divided into four semesters. Each semester consists of three and one half months and is held at a time when the village Christians can easily get away from their work. Between semesters they go home to apply what they have learned and renew their contact with their church again. It requires two years to complete the course. Our aim is to see that their interest shall remain in the village church.

We had our first semester from July to September, 1958. In January 1959, the students returned to stay until the end of April. The months the students were in the villages have given evidence that it pays to make efforts to train these people. We started with seven couples. Two of them dropped out after the first semester, but two new couples came for the second semester. Several couples asked for permission to come, but as they are not accepted as elders in the village church, we had to refuse them. They must have experience in order to qualify for leadership classes. We should have an extra elementary class for such students, but we have no finances to start it, nor do we have enough living quarters.

Two young men from the Nagarkurnool field, after hearing that we had again begun Bible classes, left their paying job in a government construction project and applied for admission in the Bible class. How sad they were when we told them this school is only for village elders. The doors for Bible training are wide open to those who will do the job.

### Jack Wyrzten Campaign

Winnipeg, Man. — Brother Jack Wyrzten, director of a coast to coast youth broadcast and three large Word of Life Camps, con-

ducted a Crusade for Christ in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium, Nov-14 to 22.

The Pastors Evangelical Fellowship, the Christian Businessmen's Association and the Youth for Christ jointly invited, Rev. Jack Wyrzten to conduct the campaign here in Winnipeg.

The estimation has been made that there was an average attendance of approximately 3000 people, and that the highest number was about 4000. Thirty-two churches and eight other organizations took an active part in the campaign.

Seventy-five percent of the audience were young people under 30 years of age, it was stated. Of those attending the meetings there were about 135 professed conversions and approximately 250 persons who dedicated their lives to God. A man over 70 years of age accepted Christ as his Savior. May the results of this campaign be lasting!

### MEI Literary Program Delightful

Clearbrook, B.C. — A delightful mixture of German poetry and music presented by the students of the Mennonite Educational Institute at the first literary program of the school year. Continuous rain during the day turned the snow on the ground into deep slush and cut down on the attendance at the November 17 program.

The evening's program was in the nature of a trip through Germany by means of literature and song. Musically the evening's program offered choir songs, solos, and chamber music by a string quintet. Poetry recited included selections from the works of Eichendorff, Schiller, Uhland, Heine, Gerhardt, Storm, Claudius, and Goethe. Students participating came from grades 7 to 13.

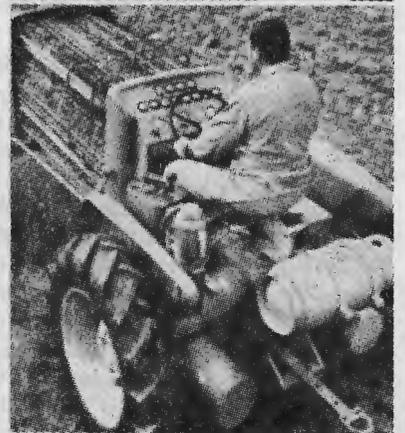
### St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate

Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Garica, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



### An Engineless Tractor

A new source of power—fuel cells—comes out of the laboratory to power an experimental vehicle for the first time. Electricity generated within 1008 fuel cells powers the engineless, research tractor. A mixture of gases—largely propane—fuels the cells. Fuel cells of the future may provide electric power for homes and factories... power vehicles such as trucks and buses... or even be used in military weapons and space vehicles. (From Allic-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.)

### Conference at Rosthern

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1-7 as his text. Next we were challenged by three papers dealing with the home, the school and publication. We are looking forward to seeing these in print.

Should the Saskatchewan Conference take over the Swift Current Bible School, was discussed. After some discussion, it was decided to ask a committee to study the matter, but in the meantime we will be responsible for the operation of the school.

The radio "Wings of Peace" report created interest in keeping this English program and starting another in the German language, probably Sunday morning. What the results of this conference will be, we cannot know, but to God be the honor and the glory.

ents has to be solved. It is not easy. A room is required for each

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**FOREIGN MISSION NEWS**

**Sawatskys Home From Brazil**

Sao Paulo, Brazil. — Rev. Peter Sawatsky, whose father is L. P. Sawatsky of Columbia Rd., Yarrow.

is home on furlough with his wife and three small children from their mission station in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. Sawatsky went to Brazil five years ago and this is his first furlough.

Sao Paulo, south of Rio de Janeiro, is rapidly growing. It has a population of more than 3,000,000. As elsewhere in South America, there is a marked contrast between the few extremely wealthy families and the many very poor ones. Although there are some well-to-do in the district of Moema, much of the missionary's work is among people with a low standard of living.

Nearly all children in the cities attend government or private schools and most of the population is able to read and write. However, very few have had an opportunity to know the Bible and part of the

missionary's work is the distribution of the gospels.

No Mennonite church existed in Moema when the Sawatskys went there, and meetings have been held in their own home. Just before leaving for their furlough they dedicated the mission's first hall.

Since Sao Paulo lies just within the tropic zone, Sawatsky's house is built of brick with red tile roof and no heating. When it gets cold, as it sometimes does, "we just shiver," the missionary says.

Also under the direction of the mission is a book store in Campinas and a clinic staffed by three nurses in the small interior village of Araguacema. Araguacema is 500 miles from the nearest doctor and most of the inhabitants are illiterate. Mission hopes to open a school there soon.

Sawatsky's three children were all born in South America and are aged 4½, 3 and 9 months.

After driving by car from Chicago, where their plane landed and speaking at churches on their way west, the family stayed briefly with Mr. Sawatsky's parents and then left to attend missionary conferences in Oregon and California.

They hope to be home again for Christmas.

ally authorized provision for religious instruction and religious exercises. In our three-room high school, for example, the inspector was quite willing to allow religious instruction on the time table in lieu of the so-called "unassigned time" required by regulations. The religious exercises at the opening or close of the school day can be made more effective by choosing Scripture passages with an evangelistic emphasis. An alert teacher can make casual references to Christian truths in connection with the subject matter in literature, history, or science. The limitation of opportunity for a direct witness, however, must constitute a challenge to the teacher to be a missionary in school.

**II. Personal influence upon the students.** (It can be pointed out that without the witnessing of a dedicated Christian personality even direct teaching, where it is possible, will be ineffective.) James S. Ross writes in his *Groundwork of Educational Theory* page 191: "... moral discipline, ... discipline of character is the effect produced on immature minds by the influence of more mature minds, and it comes, in the first instance, as the result of an attitude of discipleship towards an admired personality. Later, this attitude is transferred to the moral giants of the race; finally, the ideals for which the personal educator and these moral giants stand, are accepted by the disciple as his own. When they become his own ideals, discipline has become self-discipline, and character has been formed." Now put this statement into a religious context and you have the function of the teacher as a missionary: a mature and sanctified personality commanding admiration and discipleship; then the transfer of this attitude to the greatest "moral giant," namely Jesus Christ, and finally the acceptance of the teacher's and Christ's ideals as the student's own, resulting in the formation of moral character. To be sure, development of moral character is not synonymous with the highest aim of the missionary teacher, that of leading his students to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour. And yet, the former can lead to the latter. Opportunity within the four walls of the classroom is so limited, but a personal relationship with a student might be a basis for further association and influence outside of the school. Love for the student and consecration to Christ are prerequisites.

Again, in our large school systems, teacher-student relationships tend to become impersonal, and it will be a burden on the hearts of missionary-minded teachers to learn to reach their students for Christ. It would seem that the teaching of Guidance and sponsoring of interschool Christian Fellowship groups

where possible, might provide avenues for missionary activity. Incidentally, to be an effective witness one will have to be an effective teacher first, and consequently, conscientious work and improvement of one's professional skills are imperative. Willingness to serve is also clearly related to, or a part of, the missionary attitude; serving God in school means serving the public and the students.

(To be continued)

**Billy Graham Film at MEI**

Evangelist Billy Graham's unprecedented Crusade in Australia and New Zealand is graphically presented on the motion picture screen in the feature length documentary film, "Southern Cross Crusade," which comes to Mennonite Educational Institute November 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Spiritual conquest of a continent saw 3.5 million persons attend 114 meetings in cities spanning 3,350 miles from Perth on Australia's west coast to the three principal cities of New Zealand to the south-east.

Highlights of the film include the climactic service of the Melbourne Crusade at the Cricket Grounds, attended by 140,000 persons, the greatest single crowd ever to attend a Billy Graham meeting. The closing service of the Sydney Crusade required two adjoining grounds which were crowded to capacity as 150,000 gathered and 5,648 responded to Dr. Graham's invitation.

Interwoven through the Crusade film are unusual glimpses of Australia and New Zealand countryside and wild animal life, giving the viewer a warm introduction to the "Land Down Under."

**The Teacher as a Missionary**

Presented by Br. William Schroeder at the Teachers' Fellowship meeting.

In John 20:21 we read, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

This text was suggested by a consideration of the etymology of the words "mission" and "missionary." The concept here is one of "sending" or "delegating." One thinks of an errand, duty or commission that is to be carried out, as for example, some political or diplomatic business. But when we use the term "missionary," we immediately connotate "one sent on a religious mission." Our Scripture verse and many others refer to the "Great Commission," that of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While originally this meant direct preaching, we are all so used to including in this concept the idea of indirect witnessing to the cause of Christ by laymen, that a restatement of it here may sound superfluous. There should be no "lay-Christians" in any profession; it is undeniable that more missionary opportunities are available to the teaching profession than to many others.

In speaking of the teacher as a missionary, it is almost impossible to avoid using hackneyed, trite generalities. Furthermore, it is easier to theorize than to practise. But, in the oft-quoted words of the poet, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp." A good teacher, though he might not subscribe to the philosophy of Idealism, must be ideal-

istic in the sense that he has high ideals. At the risk of appearing repetitious, let me list some areas in which the teacher can act as missionary, and attempt to relate them to our current situation.

It behooves us at the outset, to make certain stipulations with regard to definitions. 1) By Christian we mean "evangelical" Christian, as distinct from "nominal" Christian. 2) Not every Mennonite teacher is a Christian, let alone a missionary. We must distinguish between Mennonites as an ethnic group and as a religious group. 3) To be a missionary in the true sense of the word, a teacher must first be a born again believer and disciple of Jesus Christ.

**I. Direct, formal teaching of the doctrine and ethics of Christianity** and the presentation of the person of Jesus Christ is the first and most natural field to consider. This field is open to teachers in our Bible schools, private day schools, and to a considerable extent to teachers in many localities peopled largely by Mennonites. Many of these teachers also have great opportunities to make their missionary contribution to the local church program, as ministers, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, etc. However, for many of our teachers, especially in the urban areas, opportunity for religious instruction is limited. And yet, in many cases, it must be conceded, not enough advantage is taken even of the leg-

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### Let's Visit a Minute

Hi, Boys and Girls,

Greetings once again! How are you all keeping? Is Jack Frost catching up with any of you; not with colds, I hope. Winter has too much fun to spend time nursing a miserable cold!

Talking about winter, did you see the snow blow up last week? You know, it interested me greatly how the snow got hung up here and there along the highway, while all the rest of the road was clear. Why, I asked. Why does it drift up in humps so big and so troublesome at some places when the road could be clear? I just kept my eyes open to see what I could see. I saw. Wherever the road was not perfectly clean, the snow just stuck, and in no time was piled up in huge and troublesome piles. And it all started because a little bit of a weed or a small lump of mud had been left!

Well, I watched it for a while and in my mind I saw another picture, not of roads, snow-blocked and troublesome, but of lives, sin-blocked and miserable! I thought of the many who had once started out, happy and useful to God and man, because their lives were cleaned and clear. They had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and had come to Him again and again for the daily cleansing and had willingly gone to confess where they had done wrong. How happy they had once been! But today... today they are not cheerful with a deep joy in their hearts; they no longer long to feed on the Word of God; they find no opportunity to talk about Jesus to their friends, nor any time to talk to God about the many yet not saved. Today their lives are blocked, like the highway, blocked and troublesome!

Why, oh why, I asked again and again. Because the little sins had not been cleaned up, that's why. Oh, you could not tell from the outside, because they tried so hard to hide their miserable hearts from everybody. But they are happy Christians no more.

"Keep on being clean!" said our minister when we became Christians, "or else that uncleared sin will grow (like the snowdrifts) and become blocking and troublesome. Behind such uncleared-up sins Satan will hide, to attack, to trouble, and finally, to destroy you!"

Yes, that was it. Lives become blocked when little things that are not right, are left. Sin is a growing thing and soon it blocks out everything that once was good and kind and honest and useful and happy and clean, and fill up the whole life with sin and more sin, with misery and more misery, and with uselessness and more uselessness...

Well, boys and girls, look out; don't become blocked! God's Word says: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin... If we confess our sins (bring them to light) He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

So let's keep on being cleaned; it's the only Christian way.

'Bye for now!

Love, Aunt Anne

## "Ready Now"

In the city of Liverpool, not many years ago, on a cold, cloudy morning, the captain of a steamer was coming down the street on his way to the steamer, when he noticed a poorly clad, hungry little boy standing in front of a fine restaurant.

The Captain placed his hand

The best way to keep good acts in memory is to refresh them with new. —Cato.

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All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. —Emerson.

gently on the boy's shoulder and asked, "What are you doing here, my little man?" The little boy, with a piteous look, said, "O sir, I was just standing here looking at the good things they have to eat in there."

"Well," said the Captain, "I have but thirty minutes to spare before my steamer leaves; but, my little man, if you had on good clothes, a clean face, and your hair combed, I would take you in the restaurant and get you something to eat." The little boy, with a look of love and gentleness, and with tears in his eyes at the captain's kind words,

brushed his hair with his hand and said, "I am ready now." To which the captain replied, "Well, my little man, God bless you; come with me into the restaurant and I shall get you something to eat." As the little fellow began to eat, the captain asked, "Where is your mother, my boy?" "Mother died when I was about four years old," replied the child. "Where is your father?" "I haven't seen father since mother died." "And who takes care of you?" inquired the captain. The boy, with a look of calm resignation, said: "When Mamma was sick, just before she died, she told me that Jesus would take care of me; she taught me how to pray and to love Jesus."

The captain, with tears in his eyes, said, "I have just a few more minutes before my steamer leaves, and if you were only dressed real well and had a clean face I would take you with me on the steamer—you could wait on me."

The little man looked up into the captain's face and cried, "O captain, I am ready now." The captain put his arm around the boy, saying, "Come with me, my little man, and you will always be my boy."

They both hurried to the steamer and when on board the captain introduced the little boy to his men, saying: "He will wait on me, and his name is 'Ready Now.' He is always ready and you must not call him by any other name than 'Ready Now.'" The little boy cleaned up after the good captain had given him a new blue suit of clothes, and he began his pleasant duty of waiting on the captain, and did so most faithfully.

The captain learned dearly to love the child. Shortly after the little boy had been on board he was taken sick, and one day he said to the good captain: "I feel sick; I have awful pains in my breast. O captain, I want to get close to you." The kind-hearted man took the little child in his arms and pressed him to his heart. The little one fell asleep and was carried very carefully to his berth.

A few days later the doctor said to the captain, "I have done all I can for the poor child; he is seriously ill and will die." "O Doctor," cried the captain, "save him; I can't give him up." But the child continued to grow worse.

One day the boy sent for the captain whom he loved so dearly, and as the captain looked him in the face, he saw that death was very near. The little boy, in a low weak voice, said: "O captain, I am going to leave you; I am going to where Jesus and mother are. O captain, I see my dear mother, she is looking for me. Oh, she looks so sweet; and I see the angels, too; I have heard them sing so sweetly. Yes, captain, I am going to be with Jesus. O captain, won't you give your heart to Jesus? Meet me in heaven, captain, Jesus loves you.

Won't you let Him save you and make you a Christian?"

The captain, with deep emotion and trembling voice replied, "I have been thinking about it, my little boy." "I will attend to it soon," replied the captain. "But when?" asked the boy. When will you be ready to give your heart to Jesus?" "Well," said the captain, "I will not put it off much longer." "O captain, won't you let Jesus save you? When will you be ready?"

With tears streaming down his cheeks, the captain fell upon his knees and cried, "I am ready now—ready now." And there on his knees with a broken and contrite heart the captain gave his heart to God, surrendered to Jesus.

About a half hour afterward some of the men came to the captain's room and found him kneeling in prayer, the little boy's arms around his neck—the child cold in death's embrace—the spirit had returned to the God that gave it. He had pleaded with the captain to the end and had won. A faithful little worker for Jesus to the last.

The captain immediately gave up his position as captain of the steamer and went out to preach the Gospel of the grace of God to poor, lost sinners and to tell of the dear little boy who had been the means in God's hands of leading him to the blessed Saviour.

Dear reader, will you kindly permit me to ask you this question, Are you a Christian? Do you know Jesus, as your own personal Saviour, in the forgiveness of your sins? If not, I beg of you to say as the little boy did, "I am ready now—ready now." "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2.

### Hands and Feet for Him

Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no lips but our lips  
To tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible  
The careless world will read;  
We are the sinner's gospel,  
We are the scoffer's creed;  
We are our Lord's last message,  
Written in deed and word;  
What if the type be crooked?  
What if the print be blurred?

What if our hands be busy  
With other work than His?  
What if our feet be walking  
Where sin's allurements is?  
If our lips be speaking  
Of things His lips would spurn?  
How can we hope to help Him,  
Or hasten our Lord's return?

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31

A. J. Flint

## But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(36th Installment)

"I have to tell the whole story first. As I said, Anton makes fun of my part, then the teacher comes in and wants to know what happened; so she asks Irmgart and Irmgart takes my side and tells her. She (the teacher) makes us both walk home with her from school, and oh, yes, I forgot, she makes everybody do the whole play over and when my part comes I just can't get up, Mamma, I shall never give that part again!"

"So they went on without you?"

"First I just felt awful, as if I could never face any of them again. Then I began to get mad, Mamma, madder than I ever have at that Anton, so mad, Mamma, I could—"

A look at his mother's face stopped him. He changed what he had been planning to say.

"He's Russian, Mamma, that's what makes him so mean. It's the Russians who make everybody unhappy. That's why you're crying, Mamma, that's why you always cry, because of the Russians. That's why everybody's always scared and why old Frau Arndt can't sleep at nights. That's why we aren't with Papa right now, or Tante Anni, or Grandpa Maiers."

"Hansie!"

"When I finally grow up, Mamma, and we go to Canada, and I get rich, I'm going to join some army and come back." He had never voiced anything so strongly, and he did it on a dare to himself. "I hate Russians; I hate Anton."

Maria stared at Hansie in disbelief.

"Tell me the rest of the story before we talk about the Russians. How did you get those scars on your face?"

"When we got back to the Lager, Anton and Fraeulein Bartel and me, she went to her room upstairs and I just went to ours for a minute. Then I went out where Anton always plays. When everybody was out of sight I punished the Russian in him, that's all. I beat him up and taught him a lesson. But one of the children saw us and told everybody and—"

Here he broke down again.

"So everyone saw the fight then, and the Hausvater came out to stop you?"

"Yes, Herr Toews stopped us."

"How badly is Anton hurt?"

"Does it matter?"

"Hans, it matters very much."

Hansie sat in silence a long time before he tried to speak. Then Emma Sawatzky came in again on

the pretense of seeing that everyone was comfortable.

"Fraeulein Sawatzky, is Anton Braun badly hurt?"

The nurse gave a children-will-be-children look and answered, "Oh, he'll live, just a slight cut on the head where he fell when Hansie knocked him over. He had a few re-bounds on Hansie, I believe, before Herr Toews got to the scene and stopped things."

She stole another glance at the boy, hurrying from the room to visit the next of her charges.

"It wasn't like that at all, Mamma. He hit me on the chin first and when I tried to push him away, he fell over a stone and—"

"But you started the whole thing, Son. You said you did."

"I know it."

"Hansie, you say that Anton is Russian and that Russians are the cause of all the wrongs in the world. I didn't realize that you have been thinking such revengeful thoughts. Do you remember how, just before the doctor sent me over to the hospital, I called on Anton's mother? You didn't like it very well, did you?"

"I still don't know why you did it. None of the other women in the camp would have."

"Hansie, Anton's mother is a very lonely woman. Anton's father is a Mennonite, but he married a lady who doesn't know very much about us and has never learned our language nor much about our beliefs. She is no bad woman, but she knows the women in camp don't like her and that makes her shy and causes her to do some things other people don't like. How would you feel if no one liked you? Why, Hansie, even when Anton did you a small injustice, nothing compared to the way Frau Braun has been treated, you got offended. Do you know what she did, Hansie, when I visited her? She broke down and cried because someone was interested. She told me all her troubles, all about her home in Russia, about how she happened to marry Anton's father. She told me that the reason Anton is often so poorly behaved is because he feels badly, too, that the other children don't like him. Can't you see how you would treat people if you knew they hated you?"

"Is that why he is always making fun of someone and acting so nasty?"

"That's the reason. I've been wanting to talk to you about him for a long time and see if you might

try to help him, but you've never let me get on the subject.

"And, Hansie, did you know that I wouldn't be here today, had not a Russian woman saved my life? It wasn't long after our home was torn up that we were stranded in a little town and I was terribly sick. I've told you the story before, how an old Russian mother took me into her home and with great love and kindness nursed me back to health.

"It is true that the Communist party is cruel and godless, but that does not mean that the peoples of Russia are by nature bad. In fact, most of the Russians I have known were tender-hearted easily moved to tears, hospitable, and fond of singing and other music. They, too, are afraid of the Communist party. I think we should pray for them, Hans.

"You see, Son, there are both good and bad people in every country, though often the governments are corrupt. When we came into Germany, we thought, 'How good to get out of Russia,' but soon we met selfish Germans and soon we learned that Nazi officials had done heartless things during the war. And then, Hansie, when we got into the western zones of Germany, we learned that not everything is done according to Christian standards here. I think it will be that way wherever we go.

"War, Son, is wicked wherever it is and whoever does it. Nothing can make it right. Innocent men, women, and children are killed on both sides. The Bible teaches us to love people instead of hating them. That's why our dear friends from America have come over to help us. They share their goods with everyone, regardless of nationality, race, or creed, 'in the name of Christ.'"

She laid her hand on his.

"That's why Jesus came into the world as a tiny baby, to spread peace and good will among all peoples everywhere, Hans."

Hansie sat and stared at the precious hump in the sheet that was his mother. He thought about Christmas and about the shepherds and the Wise Men. He remembered how wonderful the story had sounded to him from his mother's lips, how it was this year for the first time that he felt he really understood.

They shared a moment of quiet thought.

"You've heard me tell it to others, Hansie, how unhappy I was before Pastor Jung showed me that Jesus Christ was the answer to my despair and loneliness. Of course, I knew about Christ before, but I had never actually accepted His love into my life. But that is something each one of us must do, accept that love for himself."

"But I'm too young to be a Christian, if that's what you mean, Mamma."

"It seems to me that boys who are old enough to have hate and

revenge in their hearts are also old enough to accept the love of God."

He hadn't thought of it that way before.

"I'd have to tell Anton I'm sorry, wouldn't I?" he asked huskily.

"What do you think, Hansie?"

"That would be hard."

She did not urge him, for it would have been as useless to try pushing Hansie into the kingdom as it was to shove the beloved Big Hans in. They were men who had to make up their minds for themselves.

Suddenly the awkward stillness was broken by music in the hall, sweet, well-blended women's voices floating soothingly to the hearts of the patients. It was the nurses on one of their surprise singing tours, huddled together over a few paper-backed books. Tonight they sang "Silent Night, Holy Night," vibrant with meaning in the original German in which it was written.

All of this was too much for Hansie. When he returned to the Lager a short time later, the load of hate had given way to an inward peace. Yet two assignments lay heavy on his heart, both of them hard ones. For how difficult it would be to play the part of the wicked King Herod now, and how hard it would be to make that apology!

### CHAPTER XXX

A gentle snow dropped lightly on the cobblestone street in front of the railway station in Gronau. Framed in the doorway, the snow-sprinkled town was an enchanting sight, luring Hans to explore its moonlit charm. The ticket agent, having informed him where he would find the Mennonites, watched with friendly interest as he adjusted his pack and picked up the wooden suitcase he had made for the trip.

"Come a long way?"

Hans looked at him quickly, suspiciously. Then, when he saw courteous eyes peering through heavy glasses, he was ashamed. He ventured a smile.

"A long way, sir."

"Well, a blessed Christmas to you."

Hans stopped and turned sharply around, setting his suitcase on the floor.

"That's right, this is Christmas Eve, isn't it?"

Then, seeing the amazed look on the face of the other man, Hans hastened to add, "Of course, I knew it was almost Christmas, but I've had so much on my mind I didn't realize it was already Christmas Eve."

"The agent smiled. "That's all right," he said, sensing Hans's embarrassment. "A blessed Christmas to you."

Hans headed for the door.

"Let's see, you said the camp is four blocks south and two blocks west? Thank you. A blessed Christmas to you, too."

(To be continued)



## Frankfurt

### East-West Office Continues Tracing Service

"There are perhaps 40,000 to 50,000 Mennonites in Russia today," the Frankfurt MCC East-West Office estimated in a recent report. Of this number, the Office has traced 12,000 which are alphabetically listed along with addresses and other pertinent information obtained from relatives in the West.

Fifty-eight Mennonite church leaders or ministers have been recorded. Information has been secured about the religious life and activity in at least 32 provinces (Oblastjs).

The East-West Office, established in 1953, seeks to compile and interpret information affecting Mennonite people in the Soviet Union; to record names and locations of relatives—those in exile, deportation and internment; and to publicize information concerning the Mennonites in Russia, reporting movement of people, resettlement and church life in general. Limited cooperation is maintained with other tracing agencies such as the German Red Cross and the "Heimatortskartei für Ostumsiedler."

In addition to compiling name lists, parcels of clothing, shoes and bedding, as well as medicine, are being sent by Mennonites in North and South America to relatives and friends in Russia with the assistance of the East-West Office.

The tracing service for missing relatives continues and even now, 14 years after the war has ended, the Office is still occasionally able to locate "missing persons" and to get specific word concerning them. In spite of the Russian Red Cross declaring itself in agreement with the principle of family reunion, reported the Office, it has been virtually impossible to bring together immediate family members separated during the war.

"This job requires the highest degree of faith," stated European MCC Director Peter Dyck. "Doreen Harms (Whitewater, Kan.) continues day after day typing and classifying cards with the hope that one day this act of faith will be rewarded in a way which no one can predict now."

Yet the tracing work does not proceed with only future hope. It has immediate results: within a recent 10-day period the relatives of four people were found and brought into contact with family members who had had no contact with each other since the war.

## Japan

### Additional Money Cabled for Post-Typhoon Relief

A second \$1,000 needed for rehabilitation aid has been requested for Japan. MCC Peace worker Paul Peachey, in his request to Akron headquarters for further aid, suggested the urgency of the post-typhoon situation: "Winter's food outlook for flood victims is grim. Can you send \$1,000 immediately for children's milk feeding program?"

The typhoons which struck Japan in September have not yet been totally remedied, though many churches from numerous countries have cooperated in giving aid. With winter coming, the shelter-food-clothing outlook for the victim areas is critical.

## North Newton

### Kansas Mennonites to Build Relief Center

It is hoped that construction will begin soon on an MCC relief warehouse a North Newton, Kan. As approved by the MCC Executive Committee Nov. 2, the building will cost \$15,500 and will be located on North Newton relief center property.

Money needed for building will come from the sale of the present warehouse and land as well as from funds raised by the Kansas Relief Committee and Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service.

The structure will also be used to house the mobile equipment of the Kansas MDS unit.

## Vienna

### Hungarian Refugee Appreciates Help

With winter months arrival, clothing needs will be intensified. In almost every instance political situations being what they are and poverty affecting as it does, clothing distributions are gratefully received. In a thank you note to Irene Bishop (Perkasie, Pa.) Austria relief worker, a Hungarian refugee wrote:

"I would like to sing a song of praise to God Almighty, you have made me so happy with your package. Not only was I happy because of the helpful contents of the package but also because of the Christian spirit with which you work. I had never heard of the Mennonites; however, I have found their beliefs are those of mine. How thankful I am and how I wish I could attend one of their services so that I could meet those of like belief.

"We, the Hungarians, have been tried and tested for a long time. I could write volumes explaining how Jesus Christ always comes to our rescue, yet each time when life was trying or difficult a ray of

light shone through and we could go on. You came in the name of Christ. I thank you again for this assistance. Would you transmit my gratitude to those who made this help possible?"

Miss Bishop indicated that she visited this family last April. The husband had spent over 11 years in jail after World War II. He was released in 1956 after the Hungarian Revolution. He then went to Austria where his wife has been living since the war days. "In using material goods to give strength and encouragement MCC helps accomplish God's will and purpose," continued Miss Bishop.

## Dr. Unruh to University Of Hawaii

Dr. A. M. Unruh, formerly of Abbotsford, is on his way to the University of Hawaii in Honolulu where he has been appointed assistant biochemist.

Dr. Unruh holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of British Columbia and two doctorates from the University of Minnesota. One, received in 1956, placed major emphasis on plant physiology and horticulture. For the second, received this year, emphasis was placed on bio- and organic chemistry.

During his academic studies Dr. Unruh has won over \$6,400 in scholarships and fellowships, the most recent being a \$3,600 Procter and Gamble research fellowship in bio-chemistry.

Dr. Unruh will assume duties on the faculty of the University of Hawaii in December. He and Mrs. Unruh and family sail on November 25 for Honolulu from Vancouver on S.S. Orcades.

While in Abbotsford they are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Farenholtz and Dr. Unruh's parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Unruh, Mayfair Road.

## Per Capita Giving

Church giving in 1958 reached the all-time high of \$2,352,159,290, according to the recently published returns from the annual survey of the National Council of Churches.

Among the first 10 denominational groups with the highest per capita average giving, was the Evangelical Mennonite Church, whose 2,725 members gave an average of \$150.58 each.

Several other Mennonite conferences ranked somewhere between the 12th and 20th from the top among the 49 denominations covered in the survey. In the No. 1 position was the Methodist Church, whose 55,000 members gave an average of \$243.95 each.

But in spite of the grand total of more than two billion, most of the nation's 37 million Protestants still put hardly more than the price of a dish of ice cream into the collection plate each Sunday. Unfortunately, per capita giving also was lowest among the largest denominations.

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## Interesting Facts

A Jesuit sociologist recently said "Those who marry into different faiths have four times as many divorces and desertions and between two and three times as many children with at least one arrest for delinquent acts. They likewise have more trouble in keeping their children in the educational system after 16 years of age." He said that although religious leaders have always stressed the importance of confining marriages to people of the same faith, "astonishingly large numbers of people marry into other faiths." He said one third of Catholics marry outside their faith, and of every ten Catholics who do so "four are lost immediately to the faith, since their marriage is outside the church and hence invalid. Of the six out of the ten remaining in the faith at marriage to the non-Catholic," he added,

"two more are ultimately lost because their interests and conformity gradually evanesce." The sociologist said that "Jews who marry outside their faith have even greater difficulties than Catholics in maintaining successful marriages."

Billy Graham's 1960 crusade plans will include a three-month African tour to start in January. He will go to Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, the French Cameroons, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Ethiopia, and possibly Cairo, Egypt.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has opened a fourth permanent office at Sydney, Australia. Other offices of the Association are at Minneapolis, Winnipeg, and London.

Baptist churches in India bap-

tized 20,485 new believers in 1958. There are now about 400,000 Baptists in that country. They speak 14 different languages.

Membership of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches increased last year from 126,500 to 130,300. Sixty-two new churches brings the total number of congregations to 877.

American business and advertising concerns will sponsor this fall for the eleventh year the "Religion in American Life" campaign to increase worship attendance at all churches and synagogues. They will contribute more than \$8 million in time and space to the campaign. For the third consecutive year the theme will be "Find the Strength for Your Life... Worship Together This Week."

Two NAE constituent bodies

were among the top four Protestant churches in per capita giving for 1958. The Free Methodist Church led 40 other church bodies in per member giving for all purposes with \$243.95. The next three highest averages were Seventh-Day Adventists, \$217.31; Pilgrim Holiness Church, \$194.85, and Evangelical Free Church of America, \$182.27.

A commemorative postage stamp bearing the quotation from Francis Scott Key, "And this be our motto, in God is our trust," will be issued in 1960. It is one of six "American credo" stamps to be issued.

More statistics—this time from the WCTU—reveal that Americans spend nearly \$11 billion—that's right, billion—a year for alcoholic beverages. This is enough to build a new \$1,232,867 school every hour or pay every teacher \$8,000.

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## WEDDINGS

### Sawatsky—Bartsch

Miss Helen Bartsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartsch, Swift Current, Sask., and Mr. Frank Sawatsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sawatsky of Clearbrook, B.C., were married in the West Abbotsford Mennonite church on November 7, 1959.

Rev. Peter Froese officiated. Organ music was supplied by Mrs. Irma Epp. Henry Wiebe sang the Lord's prayer and Mr. and Mrs. David Wiebe reverently presented the song, "How Great Thou Art." The young couple plan to make their home in Clearbrook, B.C.

### Voth—Fast

Miss Martha Fast, daughter of Mrs. Helena Fast of Virgil, Ont., and Mr. John Voth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Voth, also of Virgil, were married in the Virgil M. B. church on October 30, 1959.

Rev. John G. Baerg officiated. The wedding music was played by Katy Voth, sister to the groom. The "Wedding Prayer" and "Auf Adlers Flügel" were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goerzen. A reception followed at the Eden Christian College. The couple left on a trip to the Southern States, after which they will live in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

## FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Boldt, 1920—32nd Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta., on September 23, a daughter, Cynthia Pearl—a sister for Randy.

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## OBITUARIES

### Rev. J. Braun

Rev. Johann Braun, Arnold, Rd., Arnold, B.C. passed away at his residence Thursday. Mr. Braun was born March 15, 1885, and had been in the district for 15 years. He was a retired minister having served in the Mennonite Brethren Church for 30 years. He was married in 1910 in Russia to Maria Schulz.

Funeral was held from the Mennonite Brethren church, Arnold, with Rev. G. Ratzlaff officiating, assisted by Rev. C. C. Peters of Clearbrook and Rev. F. Friesen of Morden, Man.

Survivors are his wife, Maria,

one son, John, Abbotsford; five daughters, Mary at home; Mrs. W. J. Riediger (Hulda), Abbotsford; Mrs. Henry Block (Katie), Vancouver; Mrs. Ernest Friesen (Rita), Vancouver; Mrs. John Ens (Erna) Vancouver, and 15 grandchildren.

### P. P. Friesen

Abbotsford, B.C. — Peter P. Friesen passed away Sunday in MSA General Hospital, Abbotsford. Funeral services were held from Garden Chapel Funeral Home. Interment was in the Mennonite section of Hazelwood cemetery with Rev. N. Friesen officiating. Mr. Friesen was born in Russia March 7, 1871. He had been in Canada for 33 years and in this district for 12 years. For the past four years he had been a resident of the Menno Home on Marshall Road. Mr. Friesen's wife predeceased him by several years.

### Dietrich Thiessen

Matsqui, B. C. — Dietrich Thiessen passed away Sunday at his residence on Mt. Lehman Road, Matsqui. Funeral services were being held from the Mennonite Brethren church, East Aldergrove, with Rev. H. Voth officiating.

Mr. Thiessen was born in Russia October 26, 1889, and has been in the district for 30 years. He was married in Russia to Miss Helen Voth who survives him.

Also surviving are seven sons: Nick and Arthur at Powell River, Waldo in Vancouver, Frank of Gladwin Road, Jake of Queen Road, John, Mt. Lehman, and Henry, who is a missionary in Indonesia; two daughters, Mrs. George Bergen (Margaret) of Aldergrove, and Mrs. Tom Loewen (Mary) of Merritt; one brother in Alberta and 15 grandchildren.

### Isaak Mathies

Black Creek, B.C. — Brother Isaak Mathies, 71, of Black Creek, B.C., died in the morning of Nov. 8. He had a number of heart-attacks and after two weeks of illness he died in the local hospital.

### Heinrich C. Kroeker

Brother Heinrich C. Kroeker, 72, of Alexander, Manitoba, who died on November 1, in the General Hospital, Winnipeg, was buried on November 5. He and his family have lived in Terek, Kuban and Molotschna, South Russia. In 1925 they came to Canada. Here they have lived at Arnaud, Griswold and finally at Alexander.

Brother Kroeker is survived by his wife (nee Margaretha Friesen), five sons, John, Vancouver; Henry, Brandon; Cornelius, Vancouver; George, still at home; Jacob, Winnipeg; one daughter, Katie (Mrs. Michael Santo), Osooyos, B.C., and 16 grand-children.

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## COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

### Bethany Bible Institute

Hepburn, Sask. — November 11 marked Bethany's annual alumni day. Many of the older members of the Bethany Family came and shared blessings with us. Some friends came early enough to enjoy the morning students' chapel exercise with us. They also visited the classes and enjoyed fellowship around the table.

The afternoon session consisted of a song service and a sharing of experiences and blessings. We were privileged to have two alumni missionary members with us. They were the missionaries, Mrs. Henry Poetker from India, and Miss Mary Giesbrecht from Africa. Both challenged us to pray more earnestly for the work, because the time is short.

At the evening business meeting the Alumni Committee directed our thoughts toward projects for the school. The new projects that were agreed upon were: to increase the number of library books, to supply laundry equipment, and to buy maps, chairs and furniture for the boys' dormitory.

A new committee member, Len Pauls, was elected. Other committee members are Walter Toews and Art Quiring. We congratulate Len on his new position. The evening service was high-lighted by a talk given by the principal. His talk was based on Matt. 3:10. He pointed out that:

1. We are in danger of losing out in eternal things.
2. The advancing of material things does not advance us spiritually.
3. We should contribute sacrificial prayers as well as financially.
4. We are here to bring forth fruit, and that our fruit remain.
5. We should be an asset to the spiritual life of the school.

On November 13 we were privileged to have Brother C. N. Hiebert share some truths from God's Word in the morning chapel exercise. His talk was based on Matt. 13:33-37. He pointed out the things that are necessary in order that our walk may be pleasing unto God. He stated that in order to be of better service to God, we must know His Word better. We, as a student body, pray that we will acquaint ourselves with His Word so that our work could be pleasing to God.

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### Bethel Bible Institute

Abbotsford, B.C. — "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go." Ps. 32:8.

By the grace of God the doors of learning again swing open at the Bethel Bible Institute. Our registration day was on Tuesday, September 29, with opening day on the

following Sunday, October 4. Our staff consists of: Mr. Menno Epp, principal and teacher, Mrs. M. Epp, teacher, Mr. A. Koop, teacher (recently from Alberta), and Mr. John Neufeld, teacher. We have a total student enrollment of 42. This number is broken into three parts: Grade 1 with 16 students, Grade 2, 19 students, and Grade 3, 7 students.

We were greatly honoured by having the German evangelist, Rev. E. Krupka, visit us here at the school during his campaign in the Fraser Valley. His heart-stirring messages inspired us into a deeper relationship with Christ.

During the second week in November the "Deeper Life Week," we were blessed with the presence of Rev. H. Dueck at our morning chapel services. Rev. Dueck was on furlough from his mission field in Asuncion, Paraguay, where he is doing a great work for the Lord. He challenged us with a series of very revealing messages which had the power to open both our hearts and our minds.

On Monday of that week we were fasting, praying and meditating. The whole week was a blessing to us as we looked deeper into our own hearts and into God's Word. We thank the Lord with all our hearts for giving us this school in which to further our knowledge and spiritual life.

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### Winkler Bible School



October 14 was again registration day at Peniel. Beginning with an enrollment of twenty-seven students, the number has steadily climbed to sixty-two. Forty-one are at Bible School for their first year. The provinces are represented as follows: Saskatchewan — 1, British Columbia — 1, Alberta — 3, Ontario — 9, Manitoba 48.

Staff members include Mr. John Goossen, Rev. J. H. Quiring, Rev. Jerry Hildebrand, who have served with the school before. New instructors are Rev. H. Lenzmann and Mr. Rudy Baerg.

The official opening of the school was held on October 25, with the principal, Mr. Goossen presiding. After the opening Scripture, by Rev. Hildebrand a program of singing directed by Mr. Baerg and testimonies by students was presented. Rev. H. Lenzmann brought the message basing his remarks on Matth. 25:35. Rev. Quiring made the closing remarks.

Mr. Jake Falk, a married, fourth class student, was awarded the bur-sary from the Manitoba Youth Committee at the conference on November 1.

Student activities are now in full progress. Various singing groups have already formed which serve in chapel and at prayer meetings. The groups have also been singing in the hospitals as well as in the local and neighbouring churches.

The school solicits your prayers on behalf of teachers and student body as we look to God and expect Him to do great things for us this year.

Lydia Nikkel.

### Mennonite Educational Institute

Clearbrook, B. C. — November 17 marked the first Literary program of the 1959-60 school year. It was presented in the German language in the form of a journey through Germany. We stopped at the various birth-places of some of Germany's great literary as well as musical personalities. Katharine Cornies, this year's literary president, introduced each item on the program by giving us brief information of the poet's place of birth, his best known works as well as some other interesting facts. Featured on the program were the Junior Girls' Choir singing, "Die Abendglocken klingen" and "Gute Nacht" under the direction of Mr. Henry Wiebe. The Concert Choir, consisting of grade twelve and thirteen students, sang "Fruehlingspracht," "Der Herbst" and "Wanderer's Nachtlid" under the direction of Mr. C. D. Toews. The school string orchestra rendered three numbers by Schumann, Mozart, and Brahms. Also on the program were three solos and several poems recited by the students.

Because of poor weather the attendance wasn't as good as had been anticipated.

At noon hour on Thursday the Drama Club presented a talent show to the student body. It was very entertaining and was enjoyed by students and teachers alike. Proceeds from the program are to be used for the drama club and the student's council.

On Friday morning the students had the privilege of having the Janz Team with them in their chapel service. Both, the junior and the senior students gathered in the main auditorium to receive a little insight of the great things that God had done in Germany.

The regular Friday afternoon testimony meeting was given over to Rev. Peter Doerksen, a returned missionary from Japan. Through words and pictures he gave us a glimpse into the work carried on in Japan.

Friday night marked the exciting Volleyball Tournament. The teams participating in the tournament

were the M.E.I. teachers, the Senior Boys' Team, the M.B.B.I. of Clearbrook, Vancouver, Vancouver Graduates, Bethel Bible Institute, Chilli-wack, and Yarrow. The teachers played against the M.B.B.I. in the finals and amidst loud cheering the M.E.I. teachers proudly took the trophy.

Elli Schroeder.

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### Goshen College

Goshen, Ind. — Goshen College's annual Peace Emphasis Week was held November 18 to 20 in the new Church-Chapel. Two outstanding world peace leaders were guest speakers.

Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, pastor emeritus of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, and longtime peace leader within American Christendom, spoke on Wednesday. His chapel address in the morning was "The Cross-Bearer." He answered specific questions at a special afternoon meeting and in the evening spoke on "The Power and Purpose of God."

Pastor Andre Trocme, Director of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation Peace Center, Versailles, France, spoke on Thursday. His morning chapel address was, "Christ Hears Man Crying for Justice." In a special meeting at an afternoon session he answered specific questions, and in the evening he spoke on, "Christianity and the Crisis in Afrika."

Pastor Trocme is a minister in the French Reformed Church and a leading figure of the peace movement in France. He is a Christian ambassador of love whose faith has been put to the test in the Nazi occupation of France, in the French occupation of Algeria, and in the cold war between East and West. He is a world traveler, having visited Japan and Russia since his last visit to the United States two years ago. Pastor Trocme is also the author of the book, *The Politics of Repentance*.

Both Dr. Crane and Pastor Trocme are men at the front in the world struggle for peace. Both of them commended the Mennonite church for their efforts in this area, and both pointed out the need for yet more vigorous and effective measures. Both speakers conveyed a spirit of deep concern for the needs of the world.

Friday morning chapel was led by Dr. John Howard Yoder, Administrative Assistant in Foreign Missions at the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, Elkhart, Indiana. His subject was, "The Peace Mission of the Church Today." Dr. Yoder is a lecturer in the Associated Mennonite Seminaries of Elkhart and Goshen, a past director of the European Peace Mission of the Mennonite Central Committee, and the author of *Peace Without Eschatology*?

**Invitation**

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Mennonite Disaster Service will be held in the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Steinbach, on Nov. 28 at 2:30 P.M. All interested brethren and sisters are welcome.

**Program:**

1. Devotions — Host pastor Rev. Archie Penner
2. Introductory remarks by the chairman — Mr. C. W. Loewen
3. Adress — Dr. Harold S. Bender, Mennonite author, and Dean of Goshen College Seminary
4. Minutes of last annual meeting
5. Reports:
  - a. by the chairman
  - b. by the secretary-treasurer
  - c. on the Chicago Annual MDS conference held in February
  - d. on the Canadian Mennonite Mennonite Disaster Service Conference held in the Elmwood M. B. Church on September 25.
6. Election of a secretary-treasurer
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**Parents and Teachers Meet.**

Gretna, Man. — The parents of the students and the faculty met for two sessions on Saturday, Oct. 24, for a parent-teacher day. Mr. George Ens and Mr. Henry Ens read papers on "The Value of Christian Education" and "Little Foxes Destroy the Vineyard." In the afternoon Rev. J. Schmidt, Altona, spoke on the "Duties of a Director." This was followed by a panel discussion on the topic, "How may parents help in building an effective school?" The panel was lead by Mr. D. Gerbrandt. Mr. J. Letkeman and Miss Helen Goertzen represented the teachers. Mr. John P. Dueck, Springstein, and Mrs. Henry Paetkau, Morden, represented the parents. The interest of the parents in the panel was indicated by the frequent questions or comments from the floor.

**Flax Harvested in Snow**

Morris, Man. — With his flax fields ankle-deep in snow and temperatures far below the usual harvest-time readings, Bruce McKenzie last week hired five farmers with large self-propelled combines to take his flax crop off 520 acres on his farm north of Morris.

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groups, the public information media, insurance companies, the oil, rubber and automotive industries, the clergy, women's organizations and many more.

The attack this year will be on the apathetic driver and walker, the person who refuses to recognise that he, as an individual, can kill other humans and be killed by others in traffic. Through a campaign concentrated on a single week of the year, the Council hopes to eliminate much of the indifference, the lack of comprehension of so many who drive and walk on the nation's streets and roads, to the danger of death, injury and serious economic loss on the highway.

**Safe-Driving Week  
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At one time, December was Canada's most dangerous month, traffic-wise. Over the years, Canadian motorists and pedestrians have come to realize its dangers and December is now seventh on the list of the year's highway-dangerous months.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council believes part of this improvement is due to the nationwide Safe-Drive Week which it sponsors between December 1 and 7 inclusive, and has decided to again in 1959, sponsor the campaign. Cooperation has been assured from governments, police, safety groups on federal, provincial and community levels as well as public service

**On the Horizon**

November 28. — British Columbia M. B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference to be held in the Strawberry Hill M.B. church.

November 26 — December 6. — Evangelistic services in the Matsqui M. B. church. Rev. H. H. Epp is the evangelist.

November 26—December 3. — Evangelistic services to be conducted by Rev. J. G. Baerg of Virgil, Ontario, in the M. B. church, Main Centre, Sask.

December 12. — Oratorio Choir of the M.B. Bible College will present the "Elijah.... Detailed announcement later.

December 17. — A Christmas Carol Program in the M.B. Bible College auditorium.

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